

Outside Counsel CITY OF AUSTIN RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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SUBJECT: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to the outside counsel contract with DENTON, NAVARRO, ROCHA & BERNAL, P.C, San Antonio, TX, for representing the City as chief negotiator and legal counsel in matters relating to labor negotiations for a Meet and Confer contract with the Austin Police Association in the amount of S35,000, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$110,000.

AMOUNT & SOURCE OF FUNDING: Funding in the amount of \$35,000 is available in the Fiscal Year 2003-2004 Amended Operating Budget of the Austin Police Department.

FISCAL NOTE: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

REQUESTING Law

DIRECTOR'S

DEPARTMENT:

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PRIOR COUNCIL ACTION: 3/20/03 in the amount of \$50,000.

BOARD AND COMMISSION ACTION: N/A

This amendment increases the amount of the legal services contract with Denton, Navarro, Rocha & Bernal, P.C. for representing the City as chief negotiator and legal counsel in matters relating to labor negotiations for a Meet and Confer contract with the Austin Police Association.

The Law Department contracted with this firm on April 18, 2003. Council approved the original contract amount of \$50,000 on March 20, 2003, which was funded by the Austin Police Department. The contract was increased by \$25,000 on November 11, 2003 under the department's administrative authority for a total contract amount of \$75,000. Additional payment authority of up to \$35,000 is necessary to pay fees through the end of FY04, with a total contract amount not to exceed \$110,000.

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